

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

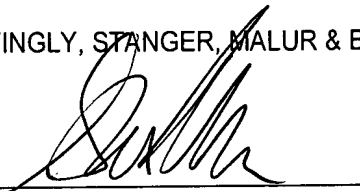
Claims 33 and 49-56 remain pending in this application. Claims 34-48 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 49-56 have been added.

The amendment to the title and formal remarks have been submitted with the amendment that was filed on April 24, 2008.

Examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. - 32. (Canceled).

33. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a plurality of master databases and a replica database generated from said plurality of master databases, comprising:

storing, as replication control information, correlating a plurality of master database-names of master tables of the master databases, a name of the replica database generated from said plurality of master databases by join operations based on predetermined joining keys, joining keys used in said join operations, and timing conditions setting timings at which replications of data are performed to the replica database from the master-databases tables to correlate, with each other to thereby ~~generate and store replication control information;~~

in response to reception of a ~~data operation request~~ for a data operation to an ~~operated a~~ record stored in a first one of said master databases, storing as operation identification information the requested data operation of the operated record to correlate the identification information of an operated record with the master